

1 Richmond Planning Commission

2 Wednesday, June 7, 2017

3 Approved Minutes

4 **Members Present:** Brian Tellstone, Sean Foley, Mark Fausel, Alex Brosam, Joy Reap, Alison
5 Anand

6 **Absent:** Lauck Parke

7 **Others Present:** Bob Lowe, Judy Rosovsky, Clare Rock (Staff)

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9 Administrative Items & Updates

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11 Approve meeting minutes: May 3, 2017 & May 17, 2017 - Not enough PC members were
12 present to approve the May 3 2017 meeting minutes. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.
13 Tellstone made a motion to approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Fausel, all
14 in favor. So voted. Reap abstained.

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16 Updates - Rock reported the following updates:

- 17 ➤ Town of Huntington Notice of Public Hearing for Changes to the Town Plan and
18 Changes to the Village and Neighborhood Zoning District Maps, June 26, 2017
- 19 ➤ Rock will be hosting a Local Motion Pedestrian Pop Up Project informational meeting on
20 June 14 @ 5:30 pm to solicit volunteers to help with the project.
- 21 ➤ CCRPC will be hosting a regional water quality meeting at the Richmond Town Center
22 on Monday June 26, 6-7:30pm. The agenda will include an overview of the Clean Water
23 Act and an overview of the Richmond Stormwater Plan which work will start on this
24 summer.
- 25 ➤ Upcoming meeting schedule and the week of July 4th - The PC will not meet the week of
26 July 4th. The PC will add a meeting on June 28 to make up for the missed July meeting.
27 Fausel and Foley will not be here on July 19, but the PC will plan to meet on July 19th as
28 regularly scheduled.

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30 Annual Organization Meeting – continued

31 Elect Officers

32 Motion by Fausel to elect Foley as Chair, seconded by Reap, all in favor so voted.

33 Motion by Reap to elect Tellstone for Vice Chair, seconded by Fausel, all in favor so voted.

34 Rock reported a message from Lauck Parke: Parke will be missing the meetings in June and
35 early July, he will also miss the meetings in September. Parke asked if PC members were ok
36 with his absences or if should step down. PC members agreed that Parke should remain on the
37 PC even though he will miss some upcoming meetings.

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39 Town Plan

40 Energy Plan Update:

41 Based upon previous discussions the PC reviewed a presentation by Bob Lowe, CC member
42 regarding the CCRPC's request for comments on the State identified constraints and the
43 identification of any local constraints.

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45 Lowe's presentation included a list of Richmond Possible Constraints General. They included:

- 46 • Agricultural Soils

- 1 • ANR – Primary Conservation
- 2 • Conserved – Protected Lands – Updated
- 3 • Deer Wintering
- 4 • Highest priority habitat (RCC)
- 5 • Ridges
- 6 • Slopes \geq 30%
- 7 • Trails STA (Science to Action Report)
- 8 • Core Forest
- 9 • Early Succession Forest
- 10 • STA Vernal Pools
- 11 • STA Wetlands
- 12 • Wildlife Corridors
- 13 • Forested-Riparian

14 The presentation also include a series of maps. Discussion followed, including the recognition
15 that the RPC plan is a planning document and that if Richmond’s Town Plan includes the State
16 required energy data and identified energy polices, then the town plan will be the regulatory
17 document which will be used in the Public Service Boards (PSB) deliberations for the siting of
18 energy generation facilities. Richmond does intend to include the necessary information so it can
19 be considered by the PSB.

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21 The PC agreed to submit a memo to the CCRPC which will include the list of Richmond
22 Possible Constraints (see list above). Foley will get together with Lowe to draft the memo and
23 develop a map. Rock will follow up with CCRPC to see what format they’d like the information
24 in. PC member Anand arrived at 7:45pm.

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26 Natural and Working Lands – continued discussion:

27 The PC would like additional time to review latest draft from Conservation Commission dated
28 5/12/2017. Lowe reported that the latest draft included crossed out language to highlights the
29 changes the CC made. Tellstone stated the CC’s version is well written but still cautious about
30 the length of the document. Additional comments included:

- 31 ○ Tellstone comment on the view photos - they should be bigger images.
- 32 ○ Reap would like clarification on the Huckleberry Hill area and some
33 additional areas which had been defined by STA or incorporate some
34 of the STA maps which would define some of these locations.
- 35 ○ Question about the conservation reserve fund allocations and the funds
36 which were allocated to the Gillette Pond project. The Conservation
37 Reserve Fund can also fund the town’s portion of the Andrews
38 Forestland with some funds left over.

39 Adjourn

40 Tellstone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fausel, all in favor. So voted.

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42 The meeting ending at 8:51pm

43 Respectfully submitted by Clare Rock, Town Planner

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